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Subject: A new 2030 climate target to reduce emissions by 50 % or 55 % against 1990 levels and the economic cost for the different Member States

The European Union is planning to propose the most ambitious increase to its 2030 emissions target\(^1\) as it ramps up efforts to slash pollution in the bloc through its Green Deal. The Commission will probably seek to increase pollution cuts to 55 % compared with 1990 levels by the end of the next decade\(^2\).

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that global efforts to combat climate change are insufficient and that she will step up the fight to combat it in the coming years\(^3\).

The push for tougher goals has faced opposition from some Eastern European countries that are concerned about the economic cost of an accelerated transition given their current energy mix\(^4\).

1. Will the Commission propose a new 2030 climate target to reduce emissions by 50 % or 55 % against 1990 levels, compared with the existing 40 % goal?

2. In order to increase the ambition for pollution cuts to between 50 % and 55 % as part of the Green Deal, will it provide an estimation of the efforts and costs that each Member State will have to bear and sustain?

3. Is it planning an extra transition fund to help coal-dependent economies and regions in order to keep its promise to not leave anyone behind?

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\(^1\) https://ec.europa.eu/info/energy-climate-change-environment/overall-targets/2030-targets_en
\(^2\) https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-08-27/europe-may-opt-for-most-ambitious-emissions-cut-target
\(^3\) https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-germany-merkel-climate/merkel-says-world-needs-to-do-more-to-combat-climate-change-idUKKBN2501CU
\(^4\) https://www.ft.com/content/cadca90e-11da-11ea-a7e6-62bf4f9e548a

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